



What Would **you** Do?



AN OUTDOORS SKILLS QUIZ

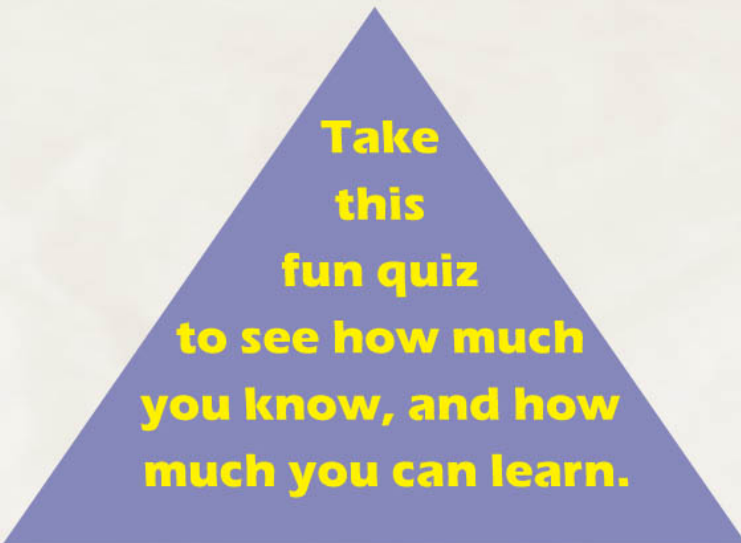
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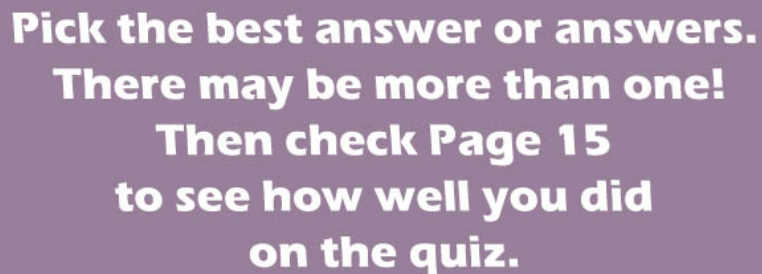
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Exploring the woods
and waters of Maine
can be exciting
and fun!

But did you ever think
it might have some
DANGERS, too?



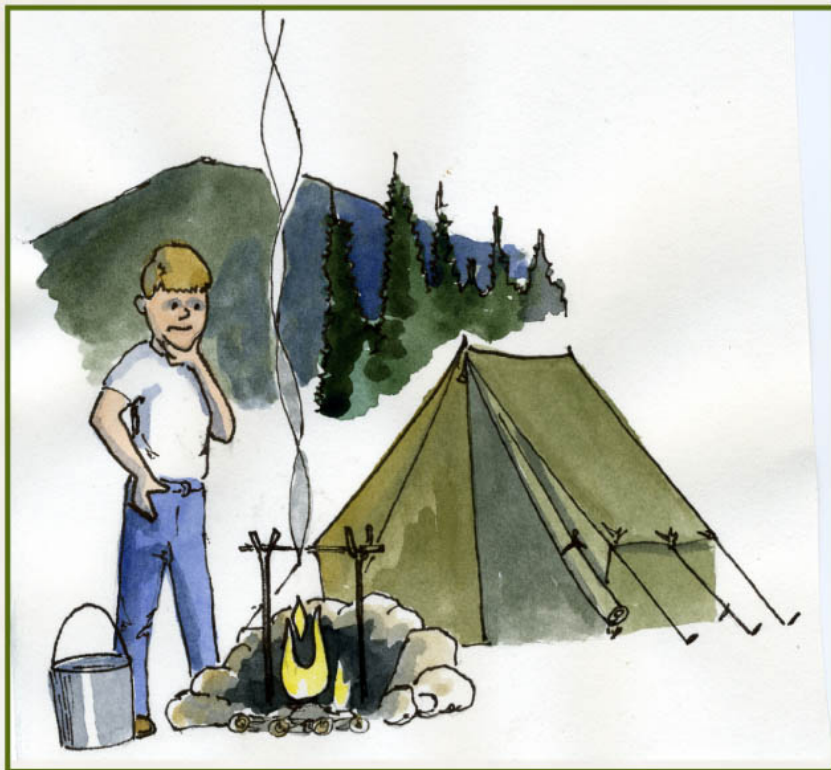
**Take
this
fun quiz
to see how much
you know, and how
much you can learn.**



**Pick the best answer or answers.
There may be more than one!
Then check Page 15
to see how well you did
on the quiz.**



**Make your next
outdoor adventure
SAFE and FUN
– for you
and for wildlife!!**



You have been camping out with your family and are now getting ready to leave. The campfire is still going strong from cooking a scrumptious pancake breakfast.

***WHAT WOULD YOU DO
TO PUT OUT THE CAMPFIRE?***

- A. Let it just go out by itself.
- B. Pour your last little bit of water on it and leave.
- C. Haul a couple buckets of water from the lake, drown the fire, mix the ashes with soil and see if it's cool enough to touch.
- D. Throw a shovelful of dirt on it and leave.



You go out for a short kayak paddle around the lake, wearing your PFD (life jacket). Suddenly, a big wave hits you from a passing power boat.

**YOU FALL OUT OF THE
KAYAK AND YOUR PADDLE
FLOATS AWAY! WOULD YOU:**

- A. Wave your hands and shout so you are rescued by Warden Service or another passing boat?
- B. Take off your life jacket and try to sit on it?
- C. Leave the kayak and start to swim for shore?
- D. Stay with your kayak and try to kick it towards shore?

You are out in a field picking blueberries and get separated from your friends.

SUDDENLY, A BLACK BEAR APPEARS, EATING THE SAME BERRIES YOU ARE! WOULD YOU:

- A. Turn and run away as fast as you could?
- B. Make yourself 'BIG', wave your arms around and yell?
- C. Offer the bear your blueberries?
- D. Fall to the ground and play dead?





You find a baby robin in your backyard with just has a few feathers on it.

***THE MOTHER ROBIN IS
CHIRPING AND FLYING AROUND
IN THE TREES. WOULD YOU:***

- A. Bring it indoors and try to give it some milk?
- B. Try to find the nest and put the chick back in?
- C. Bring it to your vet?
- D. Make sure your dog and cat are kept inside for a while?



You and your dog are playing in the woods behind your house. The dog takes off after a squirrel. You follow him for quite a while and suddenly realize you are both LOST.

YOU SORT OF KNOW YOUR WAY BACK, BUT ARE NOT REALLY SURE, AND IT'S GETTING DARK. DO YOU:

- A. Ask a raccoon for directions?
- B. Start yelling as loud as you can?
- C. Stay where you are and use your dog to help you stay warm?
- D. Just start running as fast as you can?



While ice fishing you take a short cut across some soft ice to get to a flag and hopefully a BIG FISH.

***YOU'RE RUNNING ALONG
AND BREAK THROUGH
THE ICE! DO YOU:***

- A. Turn around and try to swim to shore?
- B. Hoist your arms up onto the solid ice, and kick your feet so you are level on your belly, trying to work your way onto thicker ice?
- C. Thrash around as long as you can to stay warm?
- D. Yell for help?

You stop for lunch while out snowmobiling with a group of friends.

**YOU'VE FINISHED
EATING AND YOU'RE
READY TO GO. DO YOU:**

- A. Bury the trash in the snow?
- B. Leave the leftovers out for animals to eat?
- C. Pack it all up and take it with you?
- D. Wait til you ride by some open water on the lake and throw it in there?





You see a really pretty flower at the park you are visiting.

***YOU LIKE IT SO MUCH!
DO YOU:***

- A. Leave it alone so others can enjoy it, too?
- B. Pick it to take and show others?
- C. Step on it?
- D. Take a picture of it so you can try to identify it later?



You are out fishing and you catch your limit for the day.

YOU'RE HAVING A GOOD TIME BEING OUT ON THE WATER AND YOU DON'T WANT TO GO HOME. DO YOU:

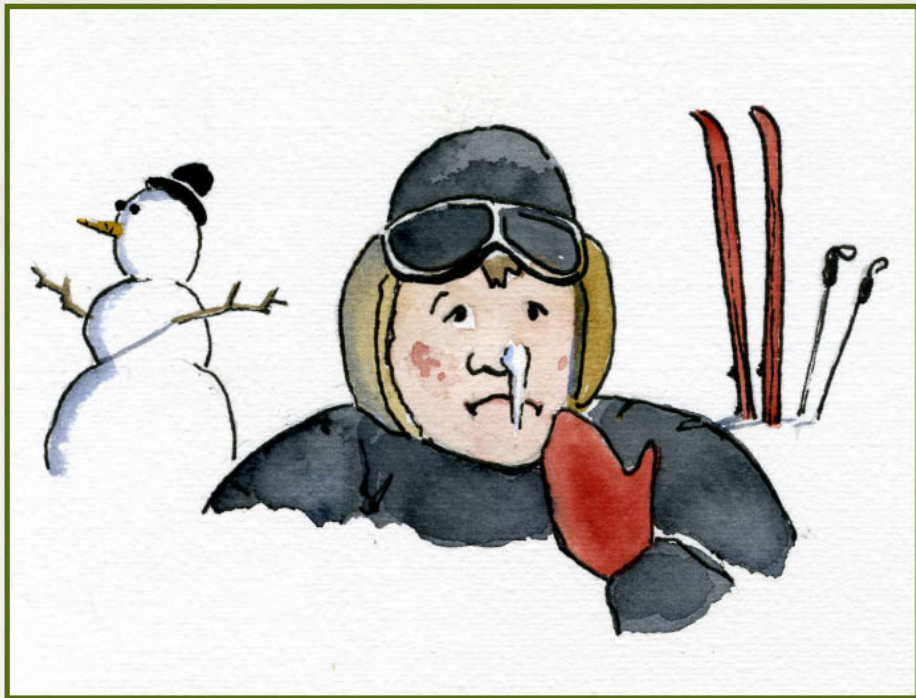
- A. Keep on fishing, thinking you'll just release anything else you catch?
- B. Quit fishing and go for a canoe paddle around the lake?
- C. Have a fish fry for lunch, then catch your limit again?
- D. Just go swimming?



You see a turtle flipped over on its back on the road while you are bike riding.

***IT LOOKS SO STRANGE
THAT WAY. DO YOU:***

- A. Help it turn back over?
- B. Kick it?
- C. Think its dead and just leave it there?
- D. Pick it up and bring it home to let go in your back yard?



You are out skiing and it's really cold. The wind is blowing and you feel like you are getting frostbite on your face!

**THERE'S A SPOT THAT FEELS
NUMB, AND LOOKS WAXY,
WHITISH AND SWOLLEN.
YOU SHOULD:**

- A. Go inside as soon as possible.
- B. Get as close to a fire as possible so you can thaw it out.
- C. Use lukewarm water to gently and slowly warm up the spot.
- D. Pop the blister that appears.



Your eyes are blurry and your thumbs hurt from playing video games.

**LOOKING AT THE TV IS BORING.
YOU SHOULD:**

- A. Take your dog for a walk outside in the fresh Maine air.
- B. Ride your bike.
- C. Go fishing.
- D. Any of these!!!

ANSWERS

HOW DID YOU DO?

1. C
2. A & D
3. B
4. B & D
5. B & C
6. B & D
7. C
8. A & D
9. A is legal; C is illegal;
B & D would be better choices
10. A
11. A & C
12. D

0-4 RIGHT ANSWERS: THINK ABOUT TAKING A SAFETY COURSE IN BOATING, SNOWMOBILING OR HUNTER SAFETY: YOU'D LEARN A LOT — AND THEY'RE **FREE!**
WWW.MAINE.GOV/IFW/EDUCATION/SAFETY/INDEX.HTM

4-8 RIGHT ANSWERS: YOU MIGHT SURVIVE IN THE OUTDOORS, BUT MAYBE YOU'D LIKE TO GO TO CONSERVATION CAMP TO LEARN MORE! **SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!** VISIT: WWW.EXTENSION.UMAINE.EDU/BRYANTPOND/CONSERVATION_CAMP.ASP OR [HTTP://WWW.GREENLANDPOINT.COM/](http://WWW.GREENLANDPOINT.COM/)

8-12 RIGHT ANSWERS: YOU ARE SUPER OUTDOORSWOMEN AND OUTDOORSMEN!



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